श्री सिकन्दर बख्तः मेहरबानी करके इसको दुरुस्त कर दीजिये। वैसे मुझे कोई एतराज नहीं है अगर यह एप्रोप्रिएशन बिल पास कर दिया जाये।

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal):I do agree with the Minister that we should pass it. I think we should have discussed the Business in the morning. If we had been told by the Government, it would have been better. Even if the formalities of getting the notices and other things have been delayed, at least there should be somebody on behalf of the Government to let us know the business of the House. In fact, at one point of time, we were inclined to sit up to six O' clock. In that case, the Minister would find it difficult. Therefore, in future either the Parliamentary Affairs Minister or any other Minister should keep the House informed about the urgency of the business, so that we can take appropriate notice of it.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: I have no hesitation in apologising for any lapse that might have occurred in not informing the House or the Chair of the supplementary business of the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I want to set the record straight that I was informed at quarter to six when I was just to come here that we have to take out a supplementary list of business to have this. I am a stickler to rules which is necessary to run this House in a proper order. I said 'no' till I have an explanation because in the morning it was not discussed, it was put in the business and we were informed very late. So I won't sign on the dotted lines. So I said first I should have a proper explanation for the reasons given and then if the House so agrees to pass it, we will pass it. But the record should be absolutely correct. This is the only time I am permitting because of the reasons the Minister gave that the Money Bill has to go to the President. But in future, please make it a point to inform the hon. Chairman or in his absence, me about the problem. *(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Madam, we do not have copies of the Bill. We do not know what we are passing *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I wish Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta had behaved the same way when he was on this side of the House.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: To put the record straight, we do not appreciate, I do not appreciate the way the Government has behaved and they have been behaving on a number of occasions. They should mend their ways.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House agrees that we pass this Appropriation Bill without discussion. The copies should be distributed.

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): Madam, I have got a small announcement to make. Arrangement for dinner has been made.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You can arrange lunch tomorrow. Now the Minister to move the Bills.

I. THE APPROPRIATION (VOTE ON ACCOUNT) NO. 2 BILL, 1996

II. THE APPROPRIATION (NO. 2) BILL, 1996

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Madam, I beg to move:

> "That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1996-97, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The Vote on Account for the period of six months including the four months for which approval was obtained at the time of interim Budget in February 1996 a total amount provided in the Bill is Rs. 238717,98,00,000 of which

Rs. 159006,22,00,000 is charged on the Consolidated Fund of India and the balance of Rs. 79711,76,00,000 has been voted for the Lok Sabha. Necessary details for the Vote on Account are given in the pamphlet.

Madam, I request that the Bill may please be taken into consideration.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Madam, I beg to move:

"That the Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1994 in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for that year, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The Appropriation (No. 2) Bill seeks to provide for appropriation from the Consolidated Fund of India of the money required to meet the expenditure of excess of appropriation charged on the Fund on the grant made by Lok Sabha for the financial year 1993-94. The excess expenditure is scrutinised by the Public Accounts Committee of the 10th Lok Sabha in its 110th Report, as required under Article 115(1) of the Constitution of India. Out of 95 Grants and 4 appropriations in 1993-94, excess expenditure occurred in 8 Grants, amounting to a total of Rs. 23.52 crores. Details of the Demands for Excess Grants for the year 1993-94 have been circulated.

Madam, I request that these two Bills may please be taken into consideration.

The questions were proposed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I shall first put the Motion regarding the Appropriation (Vote on Account) No. 2 Bill, 1996, to vote. The question is:

"That the Bill to provide for the withdrawal of certain sums from and out of the Consolidated Fund of India for the services of a part of the financial year 1996-97, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 to 4 and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBRAM: Madam, I move:

"That the Bill be returned."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I shall now put the Motion regarding the Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 1996, to vote.

The question is:

"That the Bill to provide for the authorisation of appropriation of moneys out of the Consolidated Fund of India to meet the amounts spent on certain services during the financial year ended on the 31st day of March, 1994, in excess of the amounts granted for those services and for the year, as passed by Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 and 3 and the Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Madam, I move:

"That the Bill be returned".

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we have to allow the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs to move his offer, formally. Let him offer and we will reserve our acceptance of the offer for a later date.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): Madam, since the House is sitting late, dinner has been arrange for hon. Members, the Press and the staff. The arrangement is like this. Dinner for hon. Members and the Press has been arranged in Room No. 70 — between 8.15 p.m. and 10 p.m. Dinner for the staff has been arranged in Room No. 73 — between 8.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. All are requested to kindly have dinner.

श्री सिकंदर बख्तः शुक्रिया

[मंत्री सिकंदर बख्त: शुक्रिया]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Mr. Minister. Though we are giving you crores of rupees without discussion, this is very paltry. At a late hour you are telling us to come and have dinner. Thank you very much. I appreciate. Of course, the staff would be working very late, after the House is adjourned and we go away. Let them take the offer and any hon. Member who wants to.

Thank you very much. At least, next time, don't do it; with dinner, or, without dinner.

The House is now adjourned. We will meet again tomorrow, at 11 a.m.

The House then adjourned at eight of the clock till eleven of the clock on Wednesday, the 31st July, 1996.